

**BOARD OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
VONNEGUT CONFERENCE ROOM
INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

JUNE 20, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board of Code Enforcement members were present:

Rick Powers, Presiding Officer
Susan Blair

Anthony Bridgeman

The following members were absent:

Lisa Jeff
Tony Pearson

The following staff members were present:

Kate Johnson
Tonya Hilliard

Deputy Director, Division of Administration, Logistics, Licenses and Permits
Secretary to the Board of Code Enforcement

INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Rick Powers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Taxi Presentation with Economic Impact Statement

Mr. Brandon Dickinson, Administrator, Bureau of Licensing and Permit Services presented information on currently licensed taxicab companies. Included in the presentation were the following statistics:

- There are 35 taxi companies, 1078 licensed taxi drives, and 798 licensed taxicabs.
- A taxi sweep was conducted on June 15, 2013, with enforcement from Nuisance Abatement Section/ Department of Code Enforcement, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Mr. Joshua Smith spoke of past inspections and that the resulting denials were based on the quality and condition of the vehicles.

Mr. Dickinson referred to the Passenger Bill of Rights decals that provide information to passengers that payment for taxis was available through credit cards, and it shows the type of credit cards available.

The board members asked several questions.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

BUSINESS POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS:

2013-C10-015 Regulations for Public Vehicles for hire-taxicabs

1. Posting of Credit Card Sign in Licensed Public Vehicles for Hire

Every public vehicle for hire shall display in plain view of the public and passengers a sign in the format provided by the license administrator of the Department of Code Enforcement which indicates that credit cards are accepted as a method of payment.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

MOTION: Mr. Bridgeman moved to adopt Resolution 2013-C10-015. Seconded by Ms. Blair. Motion carried.

Contracts to provide Administrative Legal Services

Authorizes the Director of DCE to enter into contract agreements for administrative law judge services related to business license, unsafe building, inoperable vehicle and environmental hearings through June 30, 2014. It was by board consent that the following resolutions were placed together:

2013-C10-016	Meredith Hammer
2013-C10-017	Maria Castetter
2013-C10-018	Maura Hoff
2013-C10-019	John Krause

Financial Information: \$60,000.00

Funding Source: Department of Code Enforcement

Mr. O'Connor explained the contract agreement processes for the selections regarding the administrative law judges, including proactive outreach to various legal organizations.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Bridgeman moved to collectively adopt Resolutions 2013-C10-016, 2013-C10-017, 2013-C10-018, and 2013-C10-019.

Seconded by Ms. Blair. Motion carried.

2013-C10-020**Woolpert Acquisition of Kings Canyon Technology**

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Code Enforcement to enter into a contract with Woolpert, Inc. for a contract assignment from Kings Canyon Technology to perform a batch interface for the Accella system to process the payment of fees, fines or liens through January 14, 2014.

Financial Information \$14,280.00

Funding Source Department of Code Enforcement

Mr. O'Connor explained the acquisition and existing contract.

The board members asked several questions, and Mr. O'Connor stated that downsizing of personnel would not occur.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Blair moved to adopt Resolutions 2013-C10-020. Seconded by Mr. Bridgeman. Motion carried.

2013-C10-021**Certification: High Weeds and Grass Liens**

Under Chapter 575 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County the Department of Code Enforcement ("DCE") is responsible for the inspection, abatement, and enforcement of environmental public nuisances. In the event that the property owner does not correct the violation or cannot be found, the City enlists a contractor to mow and/or clean that property. Section 575-7(a) of the Revised Code authorizes DCE to abate the violation and charge the costs related to abatement to the responsible property owner.

Section 575-7(b)(3) of the Revised Code provides that in the event these abatement costs are unpaid, the City shall place a lien upon the property.

Financial Information: There are a total of 1,036 mowing fees with a total amount owed of \$365,708.00. The liens reflect outstanding fees as of June 17, 2013.

Ms. Bennett stated that the high weeds and grass fees mainly encompassed the month of May.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Blair moved to adopt Resolution 2013-C10-021. Seconded by Mr. Bridgeman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Powers introduced new staff: Ms. Kayla Grimes, Legal Case Assistant for Nuisance Abatement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Powers asked the board members if there was any further business to come before the Board of Code Enforcement and that the next board meeting convenes on July 25, 2013.

It was taken by consensus of the Board of Code Enforcement that the meeting adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tonya Hilliard", written in black ink.

Tonya Hilliard
Board Secretary